

13. WHEN CONCRETE IS PLACED IN HOT/COLD AND WINDY SITUATIONS, PRECAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT PLASTIC CRACKING, WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM EXCESSIVE RAPID DRYING OR FREEZING AT THE SURFACE. REJECTION AND/OR MITIGATION OF CONCRETE THAT SHOWS EVIDENCE OF PLASTIC CRACKING WILL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE CITY OF RENO. FURTHERMORE, THE SOLDIER COURSE WILL NOT BE PLACED BEHIND THE CURB RAMP ASSOCIATED WITH PEDESTRIAN RAMPS. THE SOLDIER COURSE WILL BE PLACED ALONG THE OUTSIDE EDGES (TRANSVERSE TO SIDEWALK) OF THE PEDESTRIAN RAMP AND ALONG THE TOP EDGE OF THE PEDESTRIAN RAMP (OPPOSITE CURB RAMP AREA) AS DEPICTED IN THE APPLICABLE STANDARD DETAIL.
  
14. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT A TEST SECTION FOR THE STAMPED CONCRETE SIDEWALK. ONCE THE MIX DESIGN FOR THE STAMPED CONCRETE SIDEWALK HAS BEEN APPROVED, THE CONTRACTOR WILL CONSTRUCT SAID TEST SECTION. THE TEST WILL CONSIST OF A PORTION OF THE FINAL SIDEWALK WORK, FULL WIDTH AND A MINIMUM LENGTH OF 10 FEET. THE ENGINEER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF THE TEST SECTION TO 20 FEET IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS SUCH. THE CONTRACTOR MAY CONSTRUCT THE TEST SECTION BETWEEN EXPANSION JOINTS TO BECOME A PORTION TO THE FINAL SIDEWALK WORK. ACCEPTANCE OF THE STAMPED CONCRETE TEST SECTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.
  
15. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONSTRUCT THE TEST SECTION TO DEMONSTRATE HIS ABILITY TO SUPPLY, PLACE, CONSOLIDATE, FINISH, CURE, TEXTURE, AND SEAL STAMPED CONCRETE. THE COLOR SHALL BE UNIFORM AND CONFORM TO THE MANUFACTURER'S COLOR CHIPS. THE STAMPED LINES SHALL NOT BE SKEWED AND SHALL HAVE LINES THAT ARE CONTINUOUS ACROSS CONTRACTION AND EXPANSION JOINTS. ONCE ACCEPTED BY THE ENGINEER, THIS TEST SECTION WILL BE THE STANDARD USED FOR JUDGING THE REMAINDER TO THE WORK. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT COMMENCE WORK ON THE REMAINDER OF ANY OF THE STAMPED CONCRETE UNTIL THE TEST SECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND ACCEPTED BY THE ENGINEER. IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE ENGINEER, THE CONTRACTOR MAY BE REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL STAMPED CONCRETE TEST SECTIONS, IF THE INITIAL TEST SECTION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. ALL STAMPED CONCRETE PLACED IN THE FINAL WORK SHALL BE ACCEPTED BASED ON THE CONTRACTOR'S ABILITY TO PRODUCE THE SAME QUALITY AS THAT SHOWN IN THE TEST SECTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND THESE SPECIAL PROVISIONS. AREAS NOT HAVING UNIFORM COLOR, STAMPING, OR OTHER SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.

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